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FOUR TRAFFIC RECORDS SET ON TURNPIKE SYSTEM
NEW DAILY MARKS FRIDAY AT HOOKSETT AND DOVER TOLLS

Four traffic records fell on the New Hampshire Turnpike System in the past week, including all-time high weekly and weekend traffic totals.

A total of 2,570,347 vehicles passed through New Hampshire tollbooths for the week that ended July 20, 2003, breaking the former weekly record of 2,539,808 vehicles set the week ending August 11, 2002.

The total weekend traffic record also fell, with the 1,156,754 vehicles processed topping the previous record of 1,124,417 that also dates back to the week ending August 11, 2002.

Two traffic records were also set on Friday, July 18. The new daily record at the Hooksett Toll Plaza is 98,261. The former record of 95,322 was set on July 19, 2002. The new daily high mark at the Dover Toll Plaza is 50,893. That tops the old record of 50,510 set on August 23, 2002.

Overall, the total weekly traffic on the New Hampshire Turnpike System was up 3.2% over the same period in 2002. Traffic for the fiscal year to date is running 2.8 percent above last year.